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Wish Book

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Greetings,

What will your legacy be?

Are you interested in leaving
Mankato better than you found it?

This Wish Book outlines some
opportunities to contribute to quality
of life and upcoming generations.
We invite you to participate in the
future of our community. Our Wish
Book is merely a sampling of the
many possibilities we invite you to
explore with us.

Contact us and leave a mark.

In service,

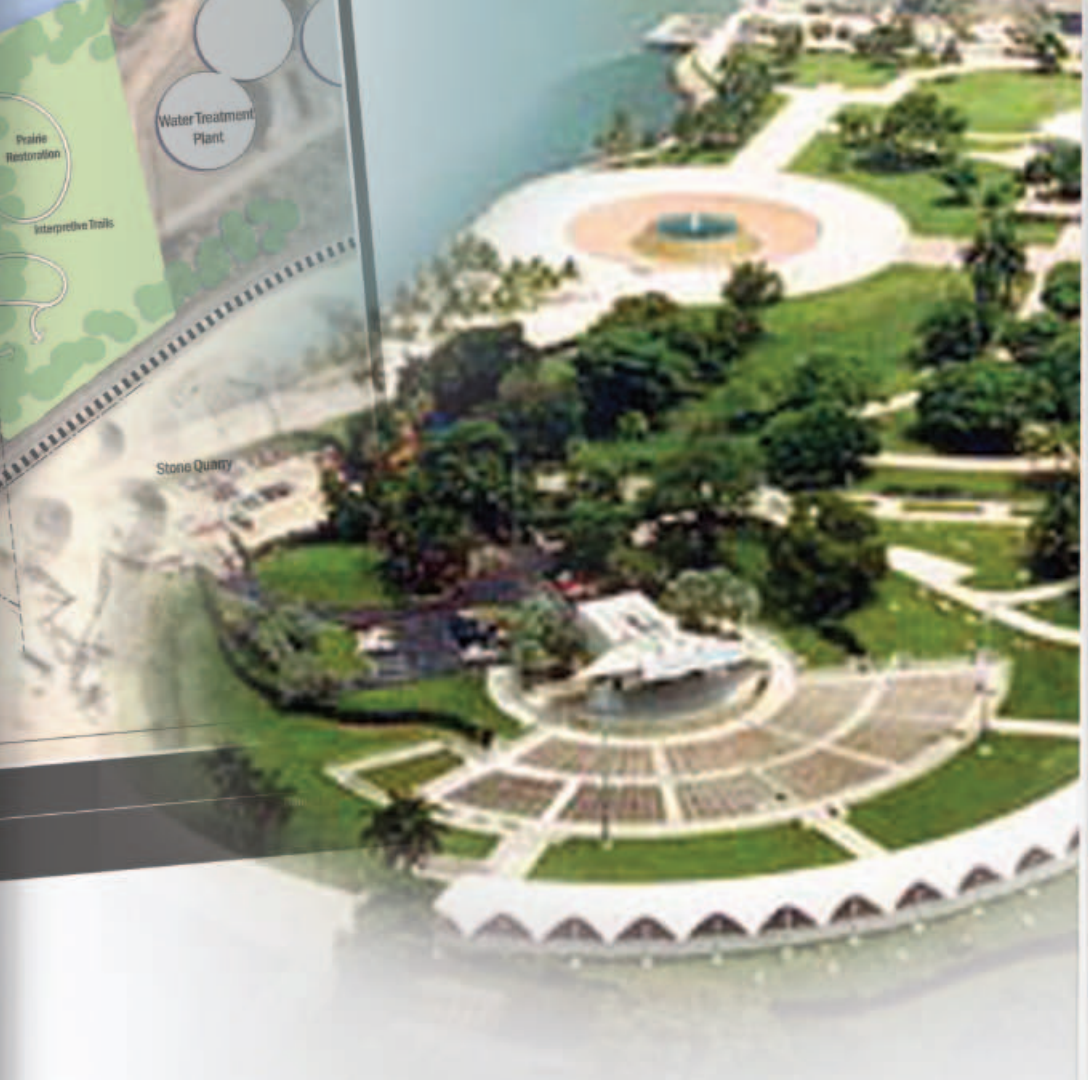
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Amphitheater. The City Center Renaissance Plan calls for a \$2 million phased improvement to develop Riverfront Park, a key component to reconnect to the river and revitalize the City Center. Riverfront Park is a 14-acre park acquired from Jerome and Peggy Sheehan, who recognized the unique river access potential of the property. Riverfront Park will contain a festival space that includes an amphitheater with seating for at least 1,000 people and a grand lawn seating many more for outdoor events, concerts and festivals. The amphitheater is envisioned as the focal point and centerpiece of the park using native stone supported by a large, grand lawn. In cooperation with the city, naming rights of the amphitheater would be at the wishes of the dedicator.

This dedicated area will be used to celebrate the culture of Greater Mankato through dynamic efforts of recreational programming. It will be a trailhead to the



Sakatah and Red Jacket trail systems, a scenic non-motorized trail that is popular with pedestrians, cyclists and health enthusiasts.

Other opportunities that go with the amphitheater and this important link to the river corridor include:

- ◆ a pavilion of around 1,200 square feet (\$250,000) which includes public restrooms, a lobby and a sheltered picnic area designed with a unique architecture found among the surrounding buildings of the Old Town area;
- ◆ art piece (\$75,000)

Opportunity = \$2 million* (amphitheater)
\$250,000* (pavilion)
\$75,000* (art piece)

★ Clock Tower



Clock Tower. Within the City Center a signature clock tower would provide a visible and useful landmark in a central location. Possible locations include:

- ◆ Jackson Street green space
- ◆ Anticipated extension of Second Street, across Mulberry Street, at the foot of the Veterans Bridge. In conjunction with the clock tower, the city would anticipate the development of a Veterans Memorial. Land has been reserved at the intersection of Mulberry Street and Second Street, adjacent to Memorial View Court.

Opportunity = \$100,000*



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"News!" Richards Poey, Eden Prairie

Monument. Monuments are an outstanding way to honor and celebrate historic events. Timeless, they can be an impressive tribute. As part of the City Center Renaissance effort, a Veterans Court memorial has been discussed at the corner of Mulberry Avenue and Second Street. A bronzed veteran's monument could be placed at this focal point providing a sense of reflection and dedication.

Opportunity = \$100,000*

Public Art. The City Center Art Walk will be an exciting exhibit of outdoor sculptures in downtown Mankato. Artists place their sculptures in the program for one year, and all sculptures would be aggressively promoted to the public for sale. The guiding vision is a high quality, professional, financially-strong, artist-friendly year-round outdoor sculpture program. The Art Walk will add an artistic flair to the center of the City and will help grow the economy by making Mankato a more livable and attractive tourism destination. The Art Walk is actively looking for site sponsorships. As a site sponsor, you will have a public art piece on loan in front of your property or another suitable location.

Opportunity = up to \$25,000



Veterans Monument



SIBLEY PARK ZOO

Sibley Park. Since 1893, Sibley Park has been a recreation spot. A farm-themed animal park with a playground gives rise to a Storybook Farm concept in Sibley Park. One of the goals of this concept is to give children an opportunity to experience farm animals through interaction, displays and activities.

The generous donation of \$200,000 by the Al and Erla Fallenstein estate ensured completion of phase one of the project. As this space continues to grow and

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SITE MASTER PLAN

evolve, there is hope to add more activity areas that include phase two—a themed playground. The third phase involves the development of a welcome building to host intergenerational programming and recreation activities.

Opportunity = \$100,000* each

naming rights

Jaws of Life.

Saving lives is what this opportunity is about. Time is of the essence when people are trapped. The golden hour begins at the time of the injury to the time the person enters the emergency room. Anything to reduce this time greatly increases an individual's chance of survival. First responders need high quality tools because they are some of the most effective ways to save someone.

Opportunity = \$21,000*



*Extricating an accident victim
using the Jaws of Life tool.*



Jaws of Life

there are many ways



Trees for Life plaque at the Intergovernmental Center

Trees for Life. Trees provide a living memorial to honor a loved one's memory. It is also an option to commemorate the birth of a child. A plaque at the Intergovernmental Center, 10 Civic Center Plaza, displays the names of those honored.

Trees cost \$100-\$300, depending on size. An engraved marker can be purchased for \$200-\$300. All contribute to reforestation efforts throughout the city.

Opportunity = \$100-\$300*/tree



Tree Marker

Reforestation ★

Reforestation. Urban forestry plays a major role in developing the character of an area and benefits the urban environment aesthetically, environmentally and economically. Businesses, organizations and individuals fund, plant and work with city staff to identify areas to plant trees as a community service project. It could be any amount...up to 500 trees or more. A recognition sign may be included in the effort.

This opportunity capitalizes on the many important benefits of trees since they cool, fight pollution and global warming, conserve energy, help clean our rivers and streams, benefit wildlife, make neighborhoods more livable, mark the changing seasons, increase property values and add the soft touch of nature to busy lives.

Opportunity = up to \$140*/tree

★ Benches



Park Bench - portable

Benches. Benches help build community in town centers and other public spaces. In a busy environment, benches are placed within view of the action, but out of the way of the flow of pedestrian traffic.

Park benches add comfort to the outdoors. They provide a place to relax and observe nature. In urban spaces, they make a relaxing spot away from the workplace and a perfect place for people-watching.



Park Bench - anchored



Native stone bench

there are many ways

Benches are also appreciated by the elderly and disabled. Public benches provide a place to rest for those involved in outdoor activities.

Benches can be personalized with a fixed chrome plate.

Unique construction is also a possibility, as in the case of the bench designed using native stone in memory of Diane Manahan and thoughtfully placed in a park location of a place that was frequented and enjoyed. City staff is flexible and open to ideas to build community and accommodate vision.

Opportunity = \$150* level (portable)
\$500* level (anchored)
\$1,000 and up* level (native stone)



*Unique native stone bench
in Sibley Park*



Fountain

Fountain ★

Fountain. A fountain would not only enhance the landscaping by adding a decorative focal point at the city offices central office facility, it would create a natural environment where nature such as butterflies, frogs and birds could thrive. Even a small water feature provides refuge. Fountains provide stress relief and are appreciated intergenerationally.

Opportunity = \$2,500*

to build a legacy...



Baseball Diamond

Youth Baseball...field of dreams. A baseball field is a gift that keeps giving. It is a way to rally for young people and contribute to positive development in youth, adding to a healthy community. Positive experiences are contributors to raising successful young people and ultimately help them become caring, responsible adults.

A critical need is for a dedicated youth baseball field with 60-foot base pads (instead of 90-foot adult base pads). This tournament level field, complete with lights, will serve youth in the community.

Opportunity = \$250,000*

* costs are approximate

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